



2015 MAINE WILDLIFE PARK Summer Wildlife Days

Sponsored by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park

All programs will run from 11am - 2pm unless otherwise noted.

www.mainewildlifepark.com



MAY

Saturday May 2 WILD CATS OF MAINE The park's new Canada lynx exhibit is beautiful! Come to the park to learn about, view and photograph the yearling lynx and cougar; and our long time resident bobcats. Special feeding times will be posted so the public may see how and what these exciting carnivores are fed. Other big cat activities will go on periodically too! **NEW!**

Saturday May 9 BUILD A BIRDHOUSE Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with Coveside Conservation, a locally owned company that builds a bird house for every species of cavity nesting bird in North America from Maine white pine. Join them to build your own bird house! Knowledgeable staff & volunteers will be on hand to take you through the building process and advise you where to hang it to benefit your local cavity nesters. There will also be samples of many other bird houses you might consider putting up on your lands. www.coveside.com **NEW!**

Saturday May 16 WINTER ECOLOGY WITH ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE Join St. Joseph's College Professors to learn about the fascinating world of our native Maine wildlife in winter! Presenters will cover topics such as wildlife survival strategies, track identification, and even winter wildlife photography; with real snow being used to demonstrate different concepts! www.sjcme.edu

Sat.-Mon. May 23 - 25 FRIENDS OF THE MAINE WILDLIFE PARK ANNUAL PLANT SALE The Friends volunteer group helps out the wildlife park in so many ways; learn more about their ongoing projects & enjoy great bargains on spring plants with annual & perennial flowers, vegetables & floral baskets grown in their own greenhouse! Plants will be available all day each day. www.wildlifeparkfriends.org

Saturday May 30 ARCHERY WITH BRYANT POND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS Certified archery instructors will have equipment & targets to try your hand at this great family sport. Archery builds self-confidence, self-discipline, responsibility & leadership while promoting youth development & life skills. umaine.edu/bryantpond

AND
Saturday May 30 RED CROSS/RAYSUP BLOOD DRIVE 10:00AM – 4:00PM The American Red Cross plays a critical role in our nation's health care system, processing about 40 percent of the blood supply! They encourage people to reveal their inner hero & donate life-saving blood at our annual park blood drive. Donors who pre-register for this event receive free admission to the park and a discount for family members on this day. **You can preregister at:** www.redcrossblood.org **NEW!**

JUNE

Saturday June 6: 11AM-1PM CENTER FOR WILDLIFE If you care, leave them there! Join wildlife rehabilitation professionals, and some permanently disabled live wildlife, to understand how to judge if a seemingly orphaned or injured wild animal needs help from humans. For 26 years, CFW cares for over 1600 wildlife individuals annually. www.yorkcenterforwildlife.org
Sponsored by: Gray Physical Therapy and US & Co. Computers

Saturday June 13 HERPETOLOGY DAY The Maine Herpetological Society was founded in 1992 to promote responsible care of captive reptiles and amphibians. They educate members and the general public on all aspects of Herpetoculture & habitat preservation. Several live snakes and other reptiles will be on display today for you to view, learn more about and photograph. www.maineherp.org **NEW!**

Saturday June 20 MEET DONN FENDLER - 'LOST ON A MOUNTAIN IN MAINE' & LEARN ABOUT OUTDOOR SAFETY & SURVIVAL SKILLS Meet & greet the real Donn Fendler, famous for becoming lost for nearly 2 weeks on Mt. Katahdin in July of 1939. Donn will autograph his books too, which will be available for purchase in our Nature Store. (or bring your own copies) Additionally, join MDIFW Recreational Safety Instructors to learn about safety & survival in the outdoors. See demonstrations of fire building/starting; survival shelter construction, map & compass & must-have equipment you should always carry with you! www.donnfendler.com
www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety

Sat.-Sun. June 27 & 28 THE ANCIENT ONES This group of re-enactors, in full period dress, will set up a real Living History Camp from the late 1700s - 1800s. They will put up a canvas tent & have demonstrations going on all day long, including fire starting, cooking, trading, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping, flintlock muskets, weaving & more. Come to see what day-to-day life really looked like 200 years ago! All day Saturday; Sunday morning 'til noon. www.theancientonesofmaine.com

JULY

Saturday July 4 WATCH OUR WILDLIFE HAVE DINNER! Visitors to the park always want to know what our wildlife eats and when! Today, we will post hourly feeding times starting at 10AM, and then throughout the day, watch the bears, big cats, eagles, foxes, small mammals, coyote and moose munch on their lunch! **NEW!**

Saturday July 11 MAINE FOREST YURTS Remember the Maine winner of the TV show 'SURVIVOR: Gabon' - Bob Crowley? Join Bob today to learn about his newest venture, right around the corner from the Park! Learn about YURTS, what they are, their benefits, and how bob and his family have taken camping in the Maine woods to a new level. www.maineforestyurts.com **NEW!**

Saturday July 18 WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS Join these wildlife experts & professional educators with their living menagerie of exotic wildlife related to our very own Maine Wildlife Park residents! Meet & photograph wildlife like a Serval Cat, Crested Porcupine, Arctic Fox, Indigo Snake, Alligator Snapping Turtle, Giant Bullfrog or Egyptian Fruit Bat; all while learning how they are connected to Maine's resident wildlife. www.wildlifeencountersnh.com

Saturday July 25 CHAINSAW WILDLIFE ARTISTS Join 3 local Maine chainsaw carvers Ron Carlson, Tim Pickett & Andrew Logan as they use chainsaws to create eagles, bears & more. Watch a block of wood become a work of art. A variety of carvings will be on exhibit & for sale. Bring your cameras & your earplugs! www.woodyahbelieve.com
chainsawcarverpolandmaine.weebly.com www.facebook.com/pages/Ron-Carlson

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Thursday July 30 5-8PM FARMERS MARKET & OPEN HOUSE Local farmers & food vendors will be at the wildlife park to sell their local foods & products. Admission will be **FREE FROM 5-8pm** so visitors can stroll around the park on a pleasant summer evening, while supporting our local farmers. **NEW!**

AUGUST

Saturday Aug. 1 LL BEAN CAMPING & DISCOVERY SCHOOLS Join LLBean staff for a camping demonstration for families; along with exhibits & displays about their popular Outdoor Discovery Schools adventures right here in Maine. There will be a raffle for a free backpack & an LLBean gift certificate during the demo! www.LLBean.com

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 8 & 9 ATTEAN FAMILY POW WOW Tribal representatives from Maine, New England & around the country will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers & traditional food booths. This year, don't miss NEW activities, food, music & Grand Entry presented each day. An exciting opportunity to learn more about Native American culture & heritage. (All day, rain or shine). **Sponsored by: Cooks Hardware**

Saturday Aug. 15 LEARN ABOUT ATLANTIC SALMON Join experts from the Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery in East Orland to learn about this endangered species, a sea-going traveler, 'diadromous' fish, & a member of the last remaining wild populations of migratory salmon here in Maine. Atlantic salmon are no longer found in any other location in the U.S. except here. www.fws.gov/northeast/craigbrook **NEW!**

Saturday Aug. 22 LIFE OF THE HONEYBEE Learn about the industrious life of the honey bee, & the role of the beekeeper. Parts of the bee hive & beekeeping equipment will be on display; & experienced bee keepers will be available to answer your questions. A variety of delicious native Maine honey & other natural products from the hive will be on sale. www.mainebeekeepers.org

Saturday Aug. 29 ENCHANTED FORESTS Fairy houses & gardens are incredibly popular with children today. Bring the kids to visit our fabulous human-sized fairy house, meet & have your photos taken with some 'real' fairies; then work with all natural materials to create your own miniature fairy habitats to take home with you. This is a great activity for all kids, young & old!

SEPTEMBER

Sat. - Mon. Sept. 5th-7th LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE Skillins Greenhouse will set up a garden show type display featuring native shrubs and plants that are very beneficial to local wildlife. Their plants are hardy & attractive, while providing food & shelter for our birds & other wildlife. Fall is a great time to plant & these quality plants are available from their Cumberland store. www.skillins.com

Sunday Sept. 13 NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day, & was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Free admission for Grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren; regular entrance fees for all other family members.

Saturday Sept. 19 RICK CHARETTE CONCERT! As a singer & songwriter, Rick Charette has been capturing the hearts & spirits of young & old alike with his delightful & inspiring children's songs. His performances blend original contemporary pop music & lyrics with imaginative activities that generate all kinds of audience participation. Many songs performed will be about Maine's wild animals! Rick will sign autographs & sell CDs after the show. Concert Show Time is 11am-12noon; rain or shine: www.rickcharette.com **Sponsored by: Cole Farms Restaurant & Main Line Fence**

Saturday Sept. 26 NORTHWOODS LAW DAY Meet some of the Maine Game Wardens of the popular Animal Planet TV show 'NorthWoods Law'. At least 8 of this season's wardens, some with their canines, will be on hand to sign autographs & have their photos taken with their fans. (9:30am-11:30am; 12:30pm-2:30pm) animal.discovery.com/tv-shows/north-woods-law

OCTOBER

Friday & Saturday Night! October 23 & 24 5:30-9:00PM HALLOWEENFEST Celebrate Halloween in 2 nights of fun with the Park's native wildlife! Great family fun for **ALL AGES** & the best priced Halloween entertainment anywhere around! Don't miss NEW Halloween displays, Haunted Hay Rides, Games, Contests, Door Prizes & more! Wear your costumes! Regular Admission Fees. (Call office FMI 657-4977 if raining)
Nature Store & Snack Shack will be open for spooky snacks & souvenirs!

NOVEMBER

Wednesday Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY/CLOSING DAY FOR THE PARK Free admission for U.S. Military personnel, Veterans & their immediate family members on our last day of the season. The Maine Warden Service **Color Guard** will present the colors & be available after for photographs.

Our 3 picnic shelters & Outdoor Classroom can be reserved for parties, special occasions, family gatherings & more! Special Wildlife programs & tours are available.

Consider volunteering at the wildlife park. There are opportunities for gatehouse attendants, tour guides, gardeners & Snack Shack clerks.

For more information, please call 207-657-4977 x 0 or go to

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